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SUBJ: GENERAL AMANS REQUEST FOR INCREASED MAAG ADVISORY EFFORT

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1. WE SUSPECT THAT THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE MAAG ADVISORY EFFORT ORIGINATES WITH GENERAL AMAN HIMSELF AND THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE AFCC. IT IS THE KIND OF PROPOSAL WHICH FITS IN WITH THE DESIRE OUR BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION INDICATES THAT GEN. AMAN HAS ALWAYS HAD FOR A LARGE AND ACTIVE MAAG. WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY THAT THEY WISH A LARGER ADVISORY EFFORT.

2. AS TO GENERAL AMAN'S MOTIVES, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT HE BELIEVES A LARGER NUMBER OF ADVISORS COULD REALLY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES IN LOCATING DEFICIENCIES AND RECOMMENDING REMEDIAL ACTIONS. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, HOWEVER, HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT A LARGE AND VISIBLE MAAG PRESENCE WOULD HELP BOTH TO DETER A SOMALI ATTACK AND TO IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR MASSIVE US ASSISTANCE IF THERE SHOULD BE SUCH AN ATTACK.
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